

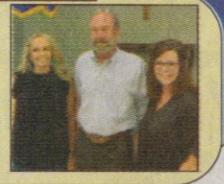
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Elba mayor joins Alabama Mayors Challenge to increase COVID-19 vaccinations statewide

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox has joined more than 40 other Alabama mayors in the "We Can Do This Alabama Mayors' Challenge," a statewide effort to get a 20-percent increase in vaccinations by Sept. 6, Labor Day.

"With COVID-19 cases and hospitaliza-

many have died from it."

Local hospitalization and death reports seem to follow national trends, indicating that those who have been vaccinated are less likely to become seriously ill or die from the illness.

Some data that verifies that claim, includes:

"There are many people who have reservations about taking the vaccination. I understand and appreciate that, but we really need to get this pandemic under control, and I believe vaccinations are the best way to do that right now," Elba Mayor Tom Maddox said.

Andalusia Star-News reported in the August 11th paper that of 35 people hospitalized with COVID, and only two of those had been fully vaccinated.

A confirmed report from Medical Center Enterprise suggested that at one point they had 39 COVID patients with only two being fully vaccinated. Those two patients apparently went home after only one night in the hospital.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 99.5% of COVID-19 deaths in the United States are among unvaccinated people. Likewise, the majority of COVID-related hospital admissions at Scripps Health in San Diego are among unvaccinated people. Roughly 10-17% of admissions are among vaccinated people, according to one of their doctors.

Tri-County Health in Colorado says those who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 account for the majority of new cases in their region. Some 95% of the COVID patients hospitalized in Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas counties are not fully vaccinated.

The Indiana State Health Department said Hoosiers who are unvaccinated make up 98% of the current COVID-19 cases in

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ANOTHER WRECK AT HIGHWAY 84/141 INTERSECTION IN CURTIS COMMUNITY... Around 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 141 claimed two more vehicles with yet another wreck occurring at the intersection. This wreck involved a small SUV (shown above) and a small car. While the SUV came to a stop in the roadway, the car was pushed off the roadway and came to a stop in the right-of-way nearby. Both vehicles suffered significant damage, but, fortunately, no injuries resulted from this crash. This intersection continues to be a 'hotspot' for automobile wrecks and has been since the new four-way opened for U.S. Highway 84. Over the years, the state highway department has added speed strips and flashing lights to the stop signs on Hwy. 141 to try and warn motorists to be careful as they approach the Hwy. 84 intersection. Unfortunately, wrecks have continued despite these attempts. Emergency personnel with the Elba Fire Department, Enterprise Rescue, and Coffee County Sheriff's Department assisted at the scene of this wreck last Friday afternoon. The wreck was investigated by Alabama State Troopers.

On Saturday morning, Aug. 14, in Elba

Unusual circumstances lead to tragic accident

An accident Saturday morning, Aug. 14, in Elba turned tragic.

Just prior to 8 a.m. Saturday morning a chain of events led to a Claxton Avenue resident being seriously injured. The female victim later died at a hospital where she was being treated for injuries sustained.

Reportedly, a truck was traveling south on Claxton Avenue at the same time a tree fell on a power line on Whitman Street. This led to guide wires along Claxton Avenue hanging low enough to be pulled down even more by traffic. Lines reportedly got wrapped around the tire of the truck traveling south on Claxton, where at some point the wires snapped and wrapped around the legs of the female victim in the yard of her residence. Elba Police say she was pulled into the roadway.

Emergency personnel arrived on scene a short time later and the victim was transported from the scene to a hospital for treatment. Unfortunately, she succumbed to the injuries Saturday afternoon.



This photo looks onto Whitman Street from Claxton Avenue in Elba. On the right side of the photo (in the right of way) a tree trunk is laying on the ground. This is a portion of the tree that fell last Saturday morning causing a chain of events that led to the injury and eventual death of a Claxton Avenue resident. Various utility crews have been on scene at different times since the accident repairing damages caused by this unusual incident.

Elba City Clerk notes annual levee inspection postponed due to COVID

During her report to Elba City Council members Monday evening, Aug. 9, city clerk Sally Bane noted the annual levee inspection that had been scheduled by the Army Corp of Engineers had been postponed due to COVID.

Bane said the Army Corp

of Engineers has returned to working from home again due to the increases in COVID cases, therefore, the levee inspection that was to have taken place recently did not. She said the Corp of Engineers would reschedule that inspection as soon as employees are allowed to return to public work again.

Council member Gappa Wise asked if trash pickup around the city was behind, and Bane said it was as of the Aug. 9th council meeting.

Bane said one truck was down for repairs, and two employees – one with the trash truck and one with the garbage truck – had just returned to work last week after being out due to COVID. With the return of those two employees, she said she felt the trash pickup would improve.

Bane said the employees working on trash pickup had been working overtime to help get things caught up as soon as possible.

Regarding the recreation department, the city clerk said football and cheer practices are in full swing. She said the season would begin for these youth sports on Saturday, Sept. 11, during a jamboree event.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, Aug. 23, at 5:30 p.m. These meetings are open to the public to attend.

From Coffee County Jail Records...

According to Coffee County Jail records, Elba Police arrested Hannah Broadway, age 26, of Elba Saturday, Aug. 14, for multiple drug offenses.

Broadway was charged with DUI [any substance], possession of marijuana – second degree, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance. She was released on bond Sunday, Aug. 15.

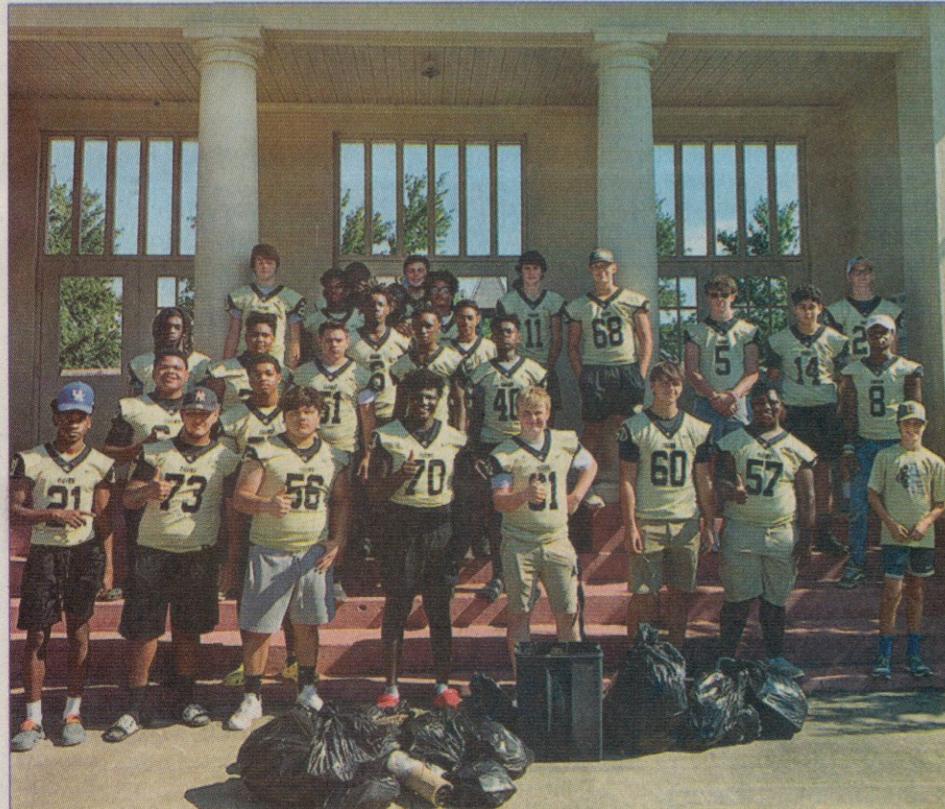
The bond total, combining all charges, was \$10,500.

Jail records also showed earlier this week that Dominique Trice, age 31, of Elba, was booked into the jail on Sunday, Aug. 15, after an arrest made by Enterprise Police. Trice was charged with four counts of unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, felon registration card required, certain persons forbidden to possess a firearm, and parole violation.

He remained an inmate at the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.



Elba Tigers show pride in their community



Several members of the Elba Tigers football team were out and about last Saturday morning, Aug. 14, in downtown Elba giving back to the community by picking up trash. This is a community service project started last year by Elba football coach Marc Sieving to allow his players to show their pride for community by doing something to help improve the overall appearance of the city. Coach Sieving said the community always supports the Tigers, and this is just a small way the football program can give back. Above, the players stand in front of the old high school facade at Tiger Town Park in the downtown area with several large bags of trash they picked up Saturday morning. The Tigers begin the 2021 football season this Friday night, Aug. 20, when they travel to Daleville to take on the Warhawks. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Area Happenings

A CHAMPIONSHIP RING CEREMONY will be held Thursday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m., inside the Elba High School auditorium for Elba High School's 2021 AHSAA Class 1A/2A State Champion Golf Team. The ring presentation ceremony is open to the public to attend.

THE 2011 ELBA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM will be recognized and honored Friday, Aug. 27th. Coach Scott Rials – the head coach of the 2011 team – will be the guest speaker of the Elba Quarterback Club lunch meeting at 12 noon. This meeting is held at the Elba Country Club. The team also will be recognized during halftime of the Elba vs. Opp football game that night at Tiger Stadium.

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold the first public hearing to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2022 on Thursday, Sept. 2, at 12 noon, during a special board meeting. The second public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, during a regular board meeting. These meetings will be at the Coffee County Board of Education office, located on Reddoch Hill in Elba, Ala.

THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING scheduled for Aug. 19th has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 10 a.m., in the Coffee County Community Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala. Limited seating is available so call 334-894-5581X3 if planning to attend.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world." - Malala Yousafzai

Alabama's children are back in school and hopefully will stay healthy throughout the year. As always, we urge the driving public to be especially watchful for children who might dart out into the street. Also watch the school buses and remember the flashing red lights on that bus are to remind each of us to STOP and do not pass a stopped bus loading or unloading students.

The epidemic of misinformation surrounding the COVID-19 vaccines has contributed to the tragic loss of life for an untold number of our fellow citizens. This false stuff spreads just as fast, or faster, than the virus. Rumors and incorrect information have convinced far too many to remain unvaccinated (or gave them an excuse). Alabama has the distinction of being the least vaccinated state in America. That isn't something any of us should be proud of...the consequences have been, and continue to be, devastating.

Well since last week's writing of Brainstorms we have lost a first cousin in Mobile to COVID and found out that a niece, her husband and son in Florida have been hit with the virus. Both man and wife went to hospital and husband has at least two more weeks there and up to three months before back to anything resembling 'normal' due to COVID and other medical issues. Niece spent ten days in hospital but is home in bed now. It is modern medicine that has kept her husband alive! Oh, the cousin HAD been vaccinated but three bouts with cancer and other ongoing medical issues out ranked the vaccine's work. Pneumonia set in after she got off the oxygen machine. The others had NOT had the shots. Their plans are now to get the shots ASAP. Our thoughts are they are lucky, and should be grateful, to get a second chance! The Elba area has had several people in recent days who were not so lucky and died from COVID. Remember them and their families in your prayers.

Don't let vaccine hesitancy become vaccine regret. Ask questions from respected medical sources and get the facts.

President Biden made a good point Monday when he said something like "Afghanistan leaders fled the country and the military, with all the years of training and the military equipment the U. S. had given them, surrendered almost without a fight, and that itself is proof that it was time for the U. S. to get out of the country." The pros and cons of that statement can be argued for eons but folks it brings back images of the U. S. exit from Vietnam. America spent billions in both places, had thousands of good young men and women killed and many more left with physical and mental issues that will control them for the rest of their lives. That is one heck of a price to pay with so little to show for our efforts.

We also noted that the Chinese are laughing at the U. S. exit from Afghanistan and loudly ramping up their quarrel with Formosa by telling the government not to depend on the Americans to defend them. It is probably very effective thoughts.

High School football fans can begin their weekly trip to the stadium Friday night when the teams begin their weekly battles on the gridiron. The Elba Tigers will open their season in Daleville Friday night, Kinston meets Houston Academy and New Brockton battles Cottonwood. Zion Chapel was scheduled for a jamboree with Flora but it was cancelled.

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance and wash your hands AND get the shot(s)!

Elba Public Library hours of operation

The Elba Public Library new "Hours of Operation" are: The library will be open: Mondays: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Tuesdays: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Wednesdays: 8 a.m. - 12 noon; Thursdays: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Fridays: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Why only citizens should vote

*Guest Editorial written by
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A growing number of left-leaning political activists and thinkers are proposing that Democrats should legalize non-citizen voting in a purely political power grab. In America, voting is one of our most sacred privileges as U.S. citizens and playing partisan games with our voting laws will weaken the integrity of our elections. Even setting aside the problematic motivations of non-citizen voting, the political, cultural, and public policy effects of non-citizen voting would prove equally problematic. The idea of non-citizen voting on its face seems to be an outlandish proposal and something similar would never be allow in other segments of American life.

Let me ask you, would it make sense for the local Catholic parish to allow the neighboring Baptist church membership to select their next priest? Should the Lions Club membership select the next president of the Rotary Club? Should the Auburn University administration decide who coaches The University of Alabama's football team? The obvious answer to all three questions is absolutely not, even though the Auburn faithful may like that idea. If we would not allow similar actions in these instances, then we should not allow non-citizens to decide the leaders of our nation, or even our local communities. Expanding the electorate to include non-citizens would

weaken the public's faith in both election security and integrity at a time when we need to reassure Americans that our elections are both safe and secure.

As we are all aware, our electoral institutions are in a fragile and delicate position following recent events, and radically altering a bedrock principle such as citizen voting would be disastrous. Non-citizen voting reduces the public's faith in secure elections and burdens local authorities with administering elections with no ability to verify the immigration status of some prospective voters.

Non-citizen voting could even have effects on our nation's immigration system, by disincentivizing the naturalization process which has successfully integrated millions of immigrants into the broader American identity.

Many Alabamians would disagree with the assertion made by non-citizen voting advocates that it is "just good civics" to radically alter the long-established traditions of citizen voting and naturalization. The naturalization process is greatly incentivized by the fact that new citizens are officially accepted into our political community and have earned the privilege to shape our nation's future through voting. Naturalized citizens must take an oath to the U.S. Constitution, and they have shown they are dedicated to learning about our institutions, laws, and political culture. The naturalization process serves as an essential, shared experience for millions of past and

present immigrants to the U.S. In comparison, non-citizens do not have this same shared experience nor have they shown the same verifiable degree of dedication to understanding and joining our national community.

It is not "good civics" to allow legal residents to vote before they receive a proper education in our political culture. Non-citizen voting advocates point to instances of non-citizen voting in U.S. history to justify their present-day proposals, but they fail to put non-citizen voting in its proper historical context.

Non-citizen voting disappeared long ago because it outlived its usefulness and justifications. In the early days of our republic, the idea of a national citizenship or identity had not fully developed, and it was not until the well into the 1800s that state citizenship started to slowly give way to the idea of national citizenship. Even before this period, many states that allowed non-citizen voting required that aliens declare their intentions to become citizens, and some even required oaths to the U.S. Constitution. Unsurprisingly, at the beginning of the 20th century, as our national identity became centered around a set of collective ideals and principles of what it meant to be an American citizen, non-

citizen voting disappeared from our political culture.

If the goal is to increase voter participation, then non-citizen voting is not the correct answer. In Alabama, since taking office on January 19, 2015, we have registered 1,890,152 new voters and as it stands today we have 3,599,224 registered voters in this state. 96% of eligible African American residents are registered, 91% of eligible White residents are registered, and 94% of all eligible residents in this state are registered to vote. To increase voter participation, you don't irrationally expand the electorate; instead you make it easier to vote and harder to cheat. In Alabama, we have worked hard to both streamline voter registration and ensure the security of our elections. Consequently, we have broken records for participation in every election since January 2016. This is the model that should be replicated throughout the country to increase participation and representation as opposed to partisan power grabs.

Our republic is the envy of the world for both its ability to hold safe and secure elections, as well as its ability to integrate newcomers, and non-citizen voting would further jeopardize both of these cherished traditions.

*Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder*

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister let Papa tag along last Saturday morning for their weekly breakfast trip... Lou Lou and Sister each have their favorite spots for this outing.

Friday, Aug. 13 - Theft of property reported on County Rd 505 (10:54 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1299 Ann St (11:30 a.m.); Harassment reported at 315 Sawyer St (7:33 p.m.); Harassment reported at 992 Hwy 203, Suite 1 (9:24 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 - an arrest was made (11:59 p.m.). There were no traffic stops recorded on this date.

Saturday, Aug. 14 - Harassment reported at 1235 Farris Ave (2:50 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 797 N Claxton Ave (7:53 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (9:14 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1117 Deal St (12:12 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1004 Martin Luther King Dr (2:26 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 706 Newton St (3:03 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 5779 Hwy 125 (7:55 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1116 Hickman Ave (9:25 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1415 Jones St (12:30 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 145 Tiger Dr (3:04 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1207 N Claxton Ave (3:18 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1285 Ann St (3:42 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1511 Martin Luther King Dr (4:44 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 529 N Claxton Ave (5:24 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Old Samson Rd (10:48 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in one written warning, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, Aug. 11 - Suspicious person reported at 221 E Davis St (3:12 a.m.); Animal complaint with impound at 878 N Claxton Ave (7:31 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 5779 Hwy 125 (7:55 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1116 Hickman Ave (9:25 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1415 Jones St (12:30 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 145 Tiger Dr (3:04 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1207 N Claxton Ave (3:18 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1285 Ann St (3:42 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1511 Martin Luther King Dr (4:44 p.m.); Harassment reported at 656 Reynolds Ave (1:25 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1344 Hwy 166 (4:21 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1125 Deal St (6:31 p.m.); ATV complaint reported on Highland Dr (7:05 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in one written warning, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, Aug. 12 - Prowler reported in Simmons St area (3:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Neil Grantham Dr (8:45 a.m.); Harassment reported at 705 Kennedy Dr (9:17 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 990 Hwy 203 (10:20 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on County Rd 368 and Hwy 166 (3:07 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1215 Farris Ave (2:17 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1035 Morrow Ave (8:21 p.m.).

Friday, Aug. 13 - Animal complaint with impound at 221 E Davis St (9:55 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (12:07 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1215 Farris Ave (2:17 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1035 Morrow Ave (8:21 p.m.).

Monday, Aug. 16 - Animal complaint with impound at 221 E Davis St (9:55 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (12:07 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1215 Farris Ave (2:17 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1035 Morrow Ave (8:21 p.m.).

she would grab his! Once that task was handled, Lou Lou 'politely' told Papa to take the cart and go find him something he liked to look at while she and Sister continued their shopping tasks. A short time later, Lou Lou had an armful of items for little Bean and she needed to put them in the cart. She located Sister and asked her if she had seen Papa lately, but she had no idea where he had ventured off to nor what he was doing.

Lou Lou called his mobile phone, and he was in the vacuum cleaner section "just looking" at things. Knowing there was no need to purchase a vacuum cleaner on this day, Lou Lou asked Papa to meet her and Sister in the aisle near the grocery section of the Wally World.

Lou Lou and Sister watched Papa as he made his way up the aisle to meet them. Still in his turtle mode, he was looking left and right all the way as he moved. The two chuckled the whole time they watched his progress!

Upon entering the World of Wally [Lou Lou is not a fan of shopping at this place, but Sister forces her to go from time to time], Sister allowed Papa to take reign of the shopping cart. That was a mistake!

Papa gets in no hurry

when he is strolling the isles of a shopping place,

especially one where he can find 'toys' that interest him to look at too.

Prior to getting to the store, Papa had told Lou Lou he needed some eye drops, so, the two head in that direction

while Sister goes to get some things she needs in the same area of the store.

Lou Lou was already getting frustrated with Papa for navigating the shopping cart like a turtle, but she

really had to take a deep breath when, after getting the eye drops and heading in another direction, Papa

tells her he also needs one of his vitamins. Those were

on the same aisle as the eyeglasses, just the other

side of the aisle.

Lou Lou gets Papa to turn the cart around, and they head back. There were other folks shopping for vitamins too, but Papa didn't seem to notice that as he kept telling Lou Lou what she should be looking for to grab. She had to tell him to calm his little turtle moving horse a bit, that she was waiting for the others to get their items and then

she needs extra anxiety meds for those type trips in the future, or, at least,

more coffee at breakfast!!

Just another day in the lives of the Yonder gang...

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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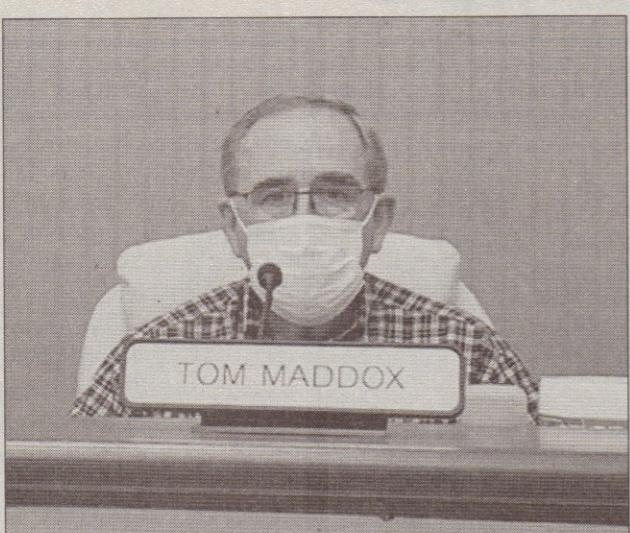
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the state. The department tweeted out that if people are not vaccinated, their chance of being hospitalized with COVID-19 is 1 in 237. If people are vaccinated against COVID-19, their chance of being hospitalized is 1 in 18,795.

Mayor Maddox also is concerned about the economic impact of the continuing COVID spread and the related consequences that affect business, industry and family financial well-being.

"I encourage everyone who has not been vaccinated to at least consider the possibility and consult with your doctors on what is right for you," he said. "We really need everyone's help in getting this pandemic under control."

"We Can Do This Alabama" is a partnership between the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Alabama Hospital Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, the Alabama



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox is shown at the Monday evening, Aug. 9, Elba City Council meeting. Although the mayor is fully vaccinated, he is still a proponent of wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands, etc. - all things recommended to help prevent the spread of COVID.

Nursing Home Association, the Alabama Primary Health Care Association, the Alabama Chapter-AAP, the Alabama Council for Behavioral Healthcare, the Alabama State Nurses Association, and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.

ALEA: Safety Rules for Back-to-School

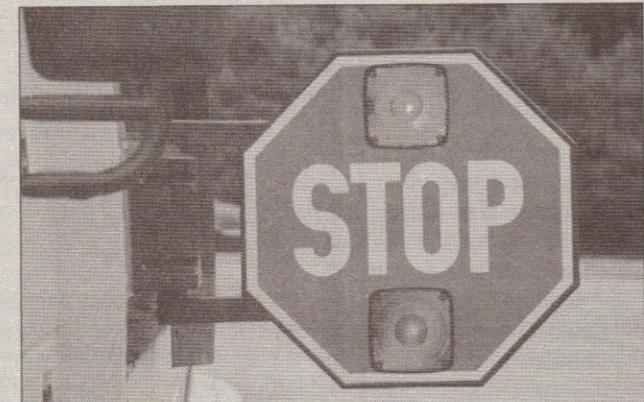
As students head back to school, family life can become extremely busy.

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) encourages all citizens to take a moment and share important safety reminders with their children and loved ones.

ALEA's Secretary Hal Taylor said, "The beginning of the school year is an exciting time for many; however, we encourage all motorists to be mindful and aware of school buses and overall safety concerns in school zones. After a summer of driving without school bus drop-offs and pick-ups, or groups of children walking to and from school, motorists often forget the challenges that may arise while driving in or near school zones. Preparation and patience are two key principles that, when implemented correctly, help to ensure a safe and successful year for everyone when traveling to and from your destinations."

ALEA encourages all parents to sit down with their children and discuss safety prior to the first day, which is particularly important for 16-year-old students who recently have obtained their driver licenses and plan to drive themselves to school for the first time. In addition, parents and their young drivers should review Alabama's Graduated Driver License (GDL) law and fully understand the restrictions.

ALEA urges everyone to use the following tips with



their young drivers:

- Make trial runs to school and back prior to the first day of school to familiarize the new driver with the best route, and possibly determine at least one alternate route.
- Expect heavier traffic and leave home early.
- Obey speed limits and other rules of the road.
- Do not drive while distracted by cell phone, stereo, passengers or anything else that takes your eyes off the road.
- Buckle up no matter how short the trip – and make sure all occupants in the vehicle have buckled up.
- Remember Alabama's GDL restricts 16-year-old drivers from having more than one non-family member in the vehicle when driving.
- The agency also reminds everyone to promote safety throughout the school year by following these tips:
- Slow down and be alert, particularly in areas near school zones.
- In a school zone with blinking flashers, stop and yield to pedestrians cross

the crosswalk or at an intersection.

• Never pass a vehicle that has stopped for pedestrians.

• Students should only cross a street at a crosswalk or designated intersection once they make eye contact with drivers and are certain the vehicles will stop.

• Watch out for children on bicycles and leave 3 feet between your vehicle and the cyclist when passing them.

• Watch for bikes coming down driveways or from behind vehicles parked on the street.

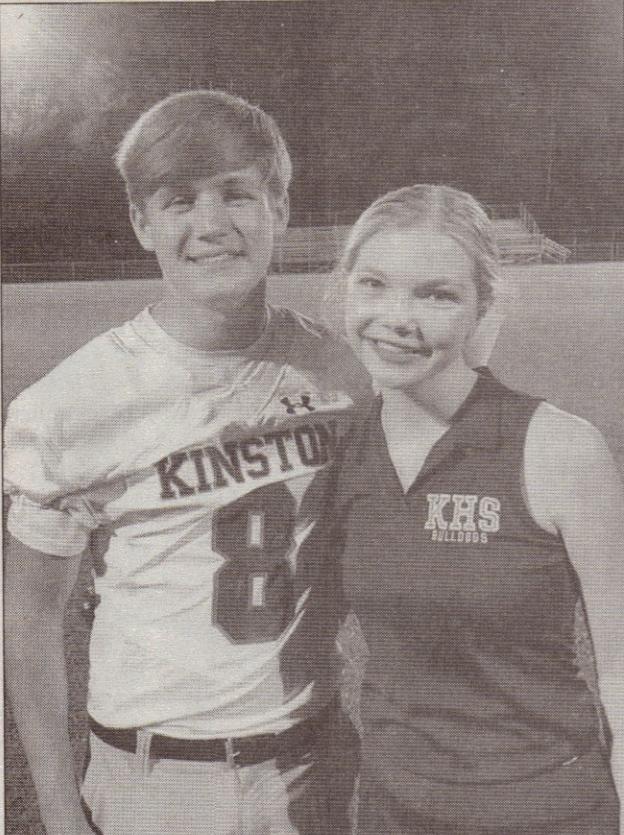
• Do not load or unload children across the street – unless instructed to do so.

• Be aware of school bus stops and drive cautiously in the area, preparing to stop quickly should a child dart out into the street.

• Consider working with other parents to designate an adult to supervise children at the bus stop each morning.

• In a school zone with

blinking flashers, stop and yield to pedestrians cross



MEET THE BULLDOGS...Kinston Schools held the "Meet the Bulldogs" event last Thursday evening, Aug. 12, at Bulldog Stadium. This event allows for the football players, cheerleaders, band members to be introduced to the community. Also, the youth sports players and cheerleaders are recognized. It is a great community event to allow all to display their Bulldog spirit. Above, Kinston seniors Preston Farris and Blair Wyrordick celebrated their final "Meet the Bulldogs" as students of Kinston Schools. Preston, son of Jason and Marsha Farris, is a member of the football team while Blair, daughter of Jamie and Lounger Wyrordick, is a cheerleader. The 2021 football season begins this Friday night for Kinston as the Class 1A Bulldogs host the Class 3A Houston Academy Raiders in Kinston. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

BOBBY JOE THARPE

Mr. Bobby Joe Tharpe, age 68, a resident of Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise due to complications of COVID-19.

In accordance with his wishes, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. is serving the Tharpe family.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Annie Lorene Tharpe and Edward Olin Tharpe.

Survivors include his wife: Charlene Tharpe, Enterprise; son: Bobby "Jody" (Carol) Tharpe Jr., Wetumpka, Ala.; daughters: Dana Michelle (Bill) Rader, and Donna Marie (Shannon) Sanders, Enterprise; sisters: Becky West, Deland, Fla., and Martha Rowlette, Dalzell, S.C.; a brother: James Tharpe, Albany, Ga.; grandson: Avery Joe Tharpe, Wetumpka; granddaughters: Samantha Elizabeth Tharpe and Chole Anne Tharpe, both of Wetumpka, and Emmiline Rose Wise, Enterprise.

WALLACE RUSHING

Mr. Wallace Rushing, age 83, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, August 14, 2021, at his home.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 16, 2021, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Lloyd Snellgrove officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years: Earlene Rushing, Elba; daughters: Lisha A. (Gordan) Marsh, Wetumpka, Ala., and Cathy (Mickey) Nelson, Elba; grandsons: Jason (Karen) Marsh, Deatsville, Ala., Lucas (Katrina) Marsh, Wetumpka, and Kevin (Brittany) Marsh, Talladega, Ala.; granddaughter: Cheyenne (Taylor) Stephens, Elba; along with great grandchildren: Luke, Gabe, & Nick; a brother: Jerry Rushing, Elba; sister: Totsye Rushing, Elba; sisters-in-law: Linda

Donaldson, Enterprise, Ala., Edith Bryan, and Carolyn Hudson, both of Elba.

ANNE BULLARD

Mrs. Anne Bullard, age 84, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, August 15, 2021, after a brief, but intense, battle with COVID-19.

Anne was born July 12, 1937, to the late Curbie and Susan Bell. She grew up in the New Hope Community and was a graduate of New Brockton High School.

She was married to the late William "Bill" Bullard for 56 years. They had one son, Andy, who preceded her in death. She had one brother, Gene Bell, Troy, who also preceded her in death.

Anne was employed at Dorsey Trailers for over 30 years.

Bill and Anne were very active church members. They were members at Bill's home church, Westside Baptist Church, in their early years of marriage and following the Elba flood of 2000 they built a home on Hwy 125 and joined with Whitewater Baptist Church.

Anne was currently teaching the young adult Sunday school class and served on numerous committees.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Tommy Green officiating. The family requested that all masking and social distancing guidelines be observed for those in attendance and urged no visitors at their home.

The family will be receiving flowers or memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice or to Whitewater Baptist Church.

Survivors include her sister-in-law: Pauline Bell, Troy; a niece: Lisa Boutwell, and her fiancé, Freddie Newman, Elba; and her beloved great nephew: Lee Boutwell, his wife, Stephanie Boutwell, and their two children

Bella and Colie.

Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. is serving the Bullard family.

HAROLD "BOBBY" SIMS SR.

Mr. Harold "Bobby" Sims Sr., age 80, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Aug. 16, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Graveside services were held Aug. 17, 2021 from Danley's Cross Roads Cemetery with Min. Greg Hanchey officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Danley's Cross Road Cemetery Fund.

Survivors include his wife: Elizabeth Sims, Elba; son: Harold Sims Jr., Opp, Ala.; daughter: Jeannie Carol Allen, Elba; sisters: Ann Bedsole, Midland City, Ala., Brenda Driggers, Samson, Ala., and Patricia King, Elba; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Elba Public Library hosts Bilingual Story Time on Mondays

On Mondays, the Elba Public Library hosts Bilingual Story Time for children in grades 2-6. This will be held from 4-5 p.m.

The goal is to teach children the corresponding language. A story will be read in both English and Spanish, and there will also be fun activities and a snack.

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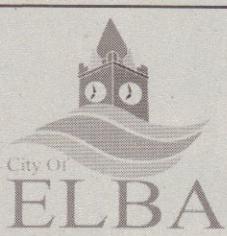
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CLOSING DATE: August 20th, 2021

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF RONNIE CRAWLEY DECEASED

Probate No.: PC2021-060

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letter of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of July, 2021 by the Honorable JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Ronnie Crawley Administrator of the Estate of

RONNIE CRAWLEY, Deceased c/o Jordan Reeves Brooks, Esq.

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8/5/12, 19-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of

VIRGIL R. ROGERS, III

Deceased

CASE NO. PC2021-061

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration Cum Testamento Annexo having been granted to Gypsy Morrow Smith, as Administratrix of the Estate of Virgil R. Rogers, III, deceased, on the 29th day of July, 2021, by the Honorable JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gypsy Morrow Smith Administratrix of the Estate of

Virgil R. Rogers, III, deceased
119 E. Three Notch Street
Andalusia, Alabama 36420
(334) 222-8220
8/5/12, 19-pd.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by certain Real Estate Mortgage executed by Jay Chamunda, LLC and Chetankumar Gohel, individual on January 13, 2012, said Mortgage being recorded January 18, 2013 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of COFFEE County, Alabama, in OFFREC Book 585, Page 230. Millennium Investment Group, LLC as Lender and Mortgagee, under and by

virtue of the power of sale

contained in said mortgage,

will sell at public outcry to

the highest bidder for cash,

in front of the main entrance

of the Coffee County Courthouse

in Enterprise, Alabama, on September 7, 2021, during the legal hours

of sale, all of its right, title

and interest in and to the

following described real

estate, situated in COFFEE

County, Alabama, to-wit:

A 0.76 acre, more or less,

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Enterprise, Alabama, being

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Coffee County, Alabama and

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said #706 to an existing 1/2"

pipe and the Point of Beginning.

Thence continue along

said #706 South 15 degrees

04 minutes 48 seconds East

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(Cap #CA0642); thence North 49

degrees 04 minutes 41 seconds

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(Cap #CA0642) at the southeast

ROW of Alabama Highway #27

(60' ROW); thence North

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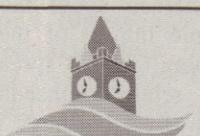
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C & C Trailers, Inc. needs a full time qualified welder/shop mechanic....Semi-Trailer body repair experience helpful.....Hours are 6:15 am - 3:15 pm, M-F.....Call 334-470-0168 or apply in person at 252 Larkin Road, Elba, AL. Drug Screening Required.

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The City of Elba

is accepting applications for the position of Nutrition Aide for the Senior Citizens Center



Opening Date: Immediately.

Closing Date: Aug. 24, 2021

This position is considered a full-time position at 32 hours per week.

Job Summary: Assist with the distribution/serving of meals provided by the nutrition program. Additionally, assist with the physical appearance and condition of the Center by keeping it clean and orderly. This position may also assist the Van Driver with delivery of meal from time-to-time.

Qualifications: Must have a valid Alabama Driver's license and a clear MVR. Must be able to pass a background check. Experience working with the elderly is preferred.

Benefits: The City of Elba offers free employee health and dental insurance from BCBS; state retirement, and paid vacation, holidays and sick time.

Applications are available at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL or at www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities.All applications should be submitted to City Hall either in person or via email to: info@elbaal.gov EOE

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The City of Elba is accepting applications for the position of Van Driver for the Senior Citizens Center



Opening Date: Immediately.

Closing Date: Aug. 24, 2021

This is a part time position

Job Summary: Involves the transportation of elderly clients to and from the center. Will also assist with the distribution/serving of meals provided by the nutrition program. Additionally, will assist with the physical appearance and condition of the Center as requested.

Qualifications: Must have a valid Alabama Driver's license and a clear MVR. Must be able to pass a background check. Desire experience working with the elderly.

Applications are available at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, or online at www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities. All applications should be submitted to Elba City Hall or may be emailed to info@elbaal.gov with the subject line "Van Driver."

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Coffee County Highway Department

Laborer

Job Description: Provide general labor and support for road maintenance and repair and other various duties. No Experience Required. Qualifications: Valid Driver's License, must be physically fit to handle various flagman tasks and other duties. Requires standing for long periods. Fringe Benefits: Paid vacation, sick leave, health insurance, holidays, and State retirement. Salary Range: Starting Salary is \$9.41 per hour.

Closing Date: Until position is filled

Please apply at www.coffeecounty.us

LIFESTYLES

Zion Chapel Bass Team represented by two two-man fishing teams at national competition

The Zion Chapel Bass Team finished its second season in high style. By qualifying for NATIONALS, the team met its goal for the second year as a team.

Two of the four ZCBT two-man fishing teams qualified. Team Avery Padgett/Ethan Young qualified by placing fifth in the state championship tournament, and team Kaleb DeVos/Kevin Dowdy finished 18th in the BASSMASTER open tournament.

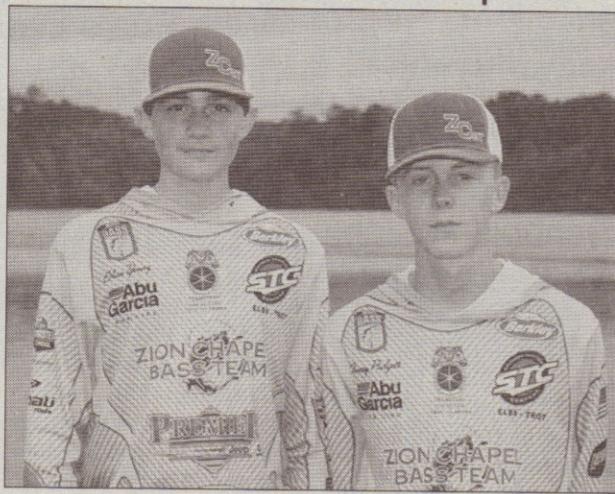
This was no easy feat, nor is it something that happens for every angler! They were among the few anglers from ALABAMA who made it to the big stage. They competed with the best of the best. ALABAMA was one of 43 states competing at NATIONALS.

The National BASSMasters High School Championship Tournament was on Lake Chickamauga, Tennessee. This lake has become known as "The Land of the Giants" for largemouth bass; it is rated as the second-best fishing lake in the U.S. by BASSMASTER MAGAZINE.

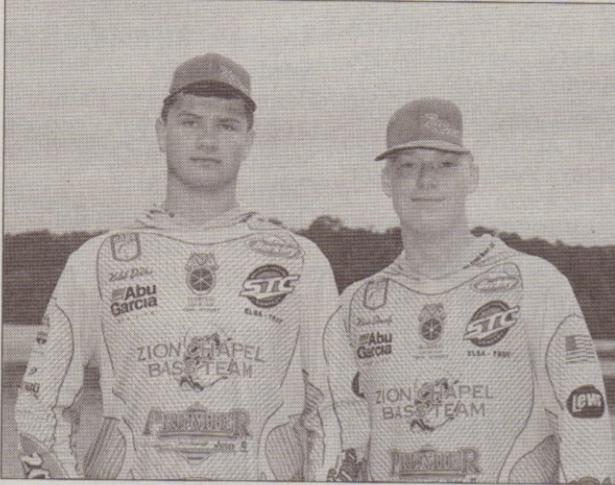
Located in southeast Tenn., Lake Chickamauga is a TVA impoundment on the upper end of the Tennessee River. The lake was created upon completion of the Chickamauga Dam in 1940 and named after the Chickamauga tribe of Cherokees who used to call this area home.

The anglers were allowed to practice fish for three days and to explore this lake which stretches miles long with a shoreline of 810 miles. It afforded many promising fishing spots.

With 307 boats from 43 states on the water, the competition was tough. Although the ZCBT anglers did not make the cut at the end of the second day of tournament fishing, they accomplished their goal



Ethan Young and Avery Padgett



Kaleb DeVos and Kevin Dowdy

for the year: make it to NATIONALS. Not only did the two ZC teams put their small community and school on the map, the ZCBT has brought attention to both by placing in several tournaments in their short two-year appearance and by bringing home hardware and scholarship money.

The spokesperson for the Alabama BASS Nation High School said he was proud of the anglers who represented the state of Alabama. According to him, they were all champions by their character, sportsmanship, fishing skills, and their passion for this great sport.

Plans are now under way for season three. Zion Chapel will have three teams in the race for 2021-2022. The three teams will include Kevin Shull and Jackson Dowdy.

Foggy Bottom Cruise In 2021 set for Saturday, Nov. 6th

9 a.m. until 1 p.m.
On the Square in Downtown Elba

** Presented by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers

CHILD FIND ACTIVITIES FOR ELBA CITY SCHOOLS

The Elba City School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities; birth-21 years who are not enrolled in an educational setting.

Parents/guardians of a child with disabilities or those who know of anyone who would benefit from the services, contact the Special Education Coordinator's office at Elba City Board of Education at 897-3000 Ext. 104.

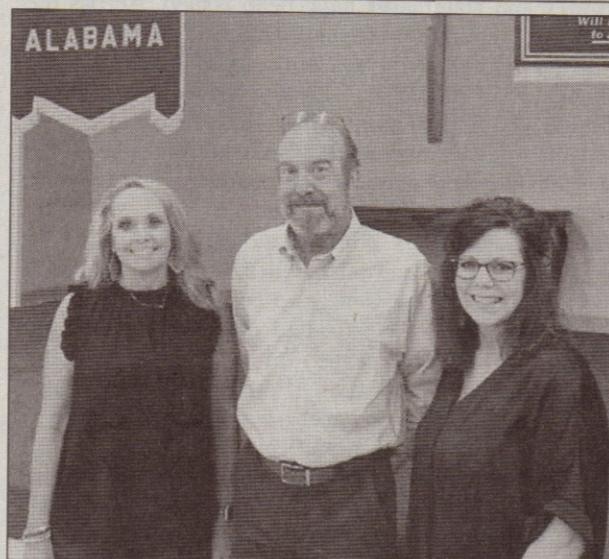
It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Two local students graduated recently from Troy University

Troy University recognizes students who completed the requirements for graduation during the Summer Semester and Term 5 of the 2020/2021 academic year.

The summer semester includes graduates from the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 5 graduates include students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with teaching sites outside of Alabama and online.

Local students who graduated include: Brittney Lee and Megan Medley, both of New Brockton, Ala.



Michelle Pierce and Susan Platt were guests at Elba Rotary Club on Tuesday, Aug. 10, and shared plans for their new business, Blessed Nutrition. With plans to open in the near future, the new business will be located in the Moseley Studio building on Factory Avenue in downtown Elba and will be serving nutrition shakes and tea drinks. In addition to learning about the new business, Rotary Club members enjoyed delicious samples of two of the tea flavors. Pictured above with Pierce and Platt is Rotarian Bill Brunson (center).

Elba Lions Club members challenged to "CONNECT" by guest speaker during August meeting last week

The Elba Lions Club met Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the National Security Conference Center.

President Leo Brown called the meeting to order and led members in the pledge to the American flag. Vice President Cecil McCloud submitted his resignation stating he was entering a new business venture and would not have the time needed to devote to the position.

Nominations for his replacement were tabled until the next meeting.

Special guest for this meeting was Philip Box, Second Vice District Governor for District 34C. "Service From the Heart"

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Scenes from Elba's "Meet the Tigers" held Aug. 12th



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IN THE PROBATE COURT
STATE OF ALABAMA
COFFEE COUNTY

CASES NO. PC 2021-062

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF JAMES ROSS
POOLE DECEASED

NOTICE TO FILE
CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of JAMES ROSS POOLE having been granted to the undersigned on August 10, 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Scarlett Lee Qualls
Scarlett Lee Qualls
Personal Representative

James G. Harrison
Attorney at Law
Harrison & Gammons, P.C.
2430 L & N Drive
Huntsville, AL 35801
8-19, 26 & 9-2 pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF COFFEE COUNTY,
ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of
ROBERT EDWARD
HARRELL
Deceased

Case Number: PC 2021-063

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TAKE NOTICE that Letters
Testamentary having been
granted to Flora Merle
Harrell, as Executrix of the

Estate of Robert Edward
Harrell, deceased, on the
10th day of August 2021,
by the Honorable Jodee
R. Thompson, Judge of
Probate for Coffee County,
Alabama-Elba Division.

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that all persons
having claims against said
estate are hereby required to
present the same within the
time allowed by law or the
same will be barred.

/s/ Flora Merle Harrell,
Flora Merle Harrell,
Executrix of the Estate of
Robert Edward Harrell, dec.

Timothy J. Magee, Attorney
Magee Law Office

609 South Brundidge Street
P. O. Box 992
Troy, Alabama 36081-0992

8/19, 26 & 9-2/pd



CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Jon Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Grace Fellowship Church
24631 Hwy 87 N, Elba

As I write this article, Tropical Storm Fred is churning his way northward through the Gulf of Mexico. Warnings and statements have been issued. Across the panhandle, preparations are being made. You, the reader, has an advantage...you are now "post-Fred." As you read this, Fred has likely already moved through the wiregrass, leaving behind, either little to no effect, or unexpected devastation for our area. Sitting here, I can only speculate and choose to prepare, or not prepare, based on what forecaster's tell me.

Hurricane warnings come standard with living in south Alabama. We can all recall storms which turned at the last moment, or weakened before landfall, causing much less than the expected damage. I remember a storm which was forecast to bring torrential rain and strong winds. It was the week of our annual men's campout and the decision to cancel or continue was mine to make. I went with caution and called the event off. As if on cue, the hurricane turned sharply later that night, leaving us with some of the best camping weather all year. I also recall a storm several years ago which most thought would be little more than a rain event. But, just before making landfall, the winds intensified significantly, catching many of us unprepared. When it comes to severe weather, it's better safe than sorry.

As I thought along these lines, I couldn't help but think of Paul in Acts 27. The apostle had made his appeal to Caesar and was being transported as a prisoner to Rome. Paul warns those in charge saying, "Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives." I'm sure some of those who heard him must have chuckled; they didn't have time for fearmongering. With goods to transport, the sailors pressed on. But later, had it not been for Paul's prayers, they would have all perished in the mighty storm which destroyed their ship.

Friend, are you prepared for the coming storm? I don't mean Fred. Nor am I referring to the present pandemic in our land. I am speaking of the last day events Jesus spoke about in Luke 21:34-36, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

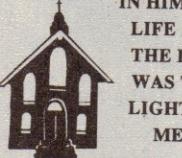
This seems to be a neglected message today. But the return of our Lord Jesus will catch many unprepared. Like the sailors with Paul, many are too busy to listen. Friend, if you are not a believer in Christ, don't wait another moment...prepare now. Repent and follow Jesus!

Christian Mission Centers seeking votes grant-funding competition

The Christian Mission Centers is one of the Top 200 finalists in the State Farm Neighborhood Assist grant program worth \$25,000.

Voting began Wednesday, Aug. 18. Voting ends Friday, Aug. 27. Votes can be casted ten times per day online at neighborhoodassist.com.

The Christian Mission Centers serves hot meals to



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THE LIFE
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LIGHT OF
MEN

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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST
CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:15 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
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Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Box, Minister
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
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ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
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H.L. Bender, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship 6:30 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
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GREATER NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
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ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
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HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service 6:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

HAM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Renau, Pastor
Morn. Worship 8:45 a.m.

HAWK HILL ASSEMBLY
OF GOD
Steve Renau, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Services 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST
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Lovel Martin, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Youth Ser. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 7:00 p.m.
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson came over to the house a couple of afternoons last week while his Mom was at volleyball practice and still enjoys biscuits for his afternoon snack. He started eating biscuits last year and will now turn the oven to 350 degrees before he even pulls out his laptop to play games. Yep, biscuits for afternoon snack make it official he is a country boy.

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers are ready and raring to hit the field for this week's season opener and Coach Marc Sieving told me over the weekend that everyone in the program is excited and ready to get on the field. The numbers are up for the Tigers and after competing in two scrimmages over the last two weeks and after getting to hear the cheers from all their fans at last week's 'Meet the Tigers' event, everyone in the black and gold has to be ready and has to be proud to be an Elba Tiger.

*** While three of four area teams will be in action this week, only two teams will actually play games, with the other competing in a jamboree. New Brockton will re-dedicate Gamecock Stadium with a non-region game against Cottonwood, while Kinston will host 3A Houston Academy in a week #1 toughie. The Gamecocks are looking to rebound from last season's disastrous one-win season and being back at home should be just what the doctor ordered, while the Bulldogs are looking to make a statement in their opener that this will be the year the 'Dogs' bite is worse than their bark. Brantley will host G.W. Long for a jamboree game and will be looking to show long time former Bulldog assistant coach David Watts that he should have stayed at home. Zion Chapel was set to tangle with 1A Flora in a pre-season jamboree, but COVID has caused that game to be cancelled.

*** There are always dozens of storylines with the start of a season and this season is no different for teams all across the state. * * Fayette County can become the first team in state history to record 700 wins, and can do it with a win next week over Winfield, while T.R. Miller is hot on its heels with 698 wins at the start of the season. ** Hoover has been ranked for a record 232 straight weeks in the sports writer's poll and has been in every poll since way back in 2000. ** Barbour County will enter the season with a 66 game losing streak and is only two losses away from the all-time streak of 68 straight defeats held by R.C. Hatch. ** Gordo will be looking to extend its streak of 28 straight winning seasons this year and has won at least 10 games each of the last seven years. ** Luverne will be looking to extend its streak of 38 straight playoff appearances in a streak that goes all the way back to 1982. ** Fyffe just keeps on adding to its remarkable streaks and this year will enter the season only 10 wins away from tying the streak of 55 straight wins held by Clay County. It already owns the all-time record of 59 straight regular season wins, has won at least 10 games for ten straight years, and has scored 20 points or more in seventy straight games.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by late in the week to talk football and admitted he was a little anxious to get the season started. The local guesspert had one of his best years ever last season, and while he did whine a little about having to make early-season predictions, he did leave this week's fearless forecast. Here we go again....

ELBA VS. DALEVILLE

The Pea River felines will head over near Camp Rucker on a bird hunt Friday afternoon and are already licking their lips in anticipation of an opening week feast. The birds were an easy prey a year ago after flying across the river, but may be a little harder to find at their own roost. I still think the felines will head back home well fed.

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KINSTON VS. HOUSTON ACADEMY

The bulldogs from down near the county line went home hungry more than once last season after some big losses, but have a new menu this season and if the 'Dogs hold up their end they may be on a diet by early fall. I agree the bulldogs should enjoy their postgame meals more this year, but this week leftovers may be on the menu.

HOUSTON ACADEMY 24 KINSTON 17

NEW BROCKTON VS. COTTONWOOD

The roosters from over near the bypass are back at home this season and have already warned the neighbors to expect a lot of crowing late on Friday nights. The feathered fighters have sharpened their talons and found enough locks to lock all the gates once the bears get inside this week. So, expect lots of crowing after their season opener.

NEW BROCKTON 27 COTTONWOOD 13



Tigers are excited about season opener

The Elba Tigers will kick off the 2021 high school football season Friday night when they travel to Daleville to tangle with the 3A Daleville Warhawks.

Elba owns a 15-6 series edge over the Warhawks, and while the two rivals have split their last four contests, the Tigers posted a lopsided 50-0 win a year ago.

The Tigers are coming off a 6-4 season and return eight starters on both sides of the ball, which has sparked optimism among Tiger fans, and with more players on the roster and the core of last year's team back on the field, the season opener has been circled since last season.

"It seems like we just out in the pads yesterday," stated Elba coach Marc Sieving, "but we have been hard at work all summer in the weight room and on the practice field and the players are ready to play football. The season is a work in progress as we add and subtract plays and formations, and make changes in personnel, and this will be step #1 against what we expect to be a very good Daleville team that has a new coach and will be excited to take the field in front of their home fans."

Leading the way for the Tigers this season will be senior standout Chrystyle Caldwell. The 6-2, 215 pound linebacker-tight end has committed to the University of South Alabama, and is expected to be a force on both sides of the ball. Running back-linebacker Byron Burks (5-10, 160) is also a player to watch this season, while linebackers Peyton McCarty (6-2, 175) and Collin Sauls (5-9, 200) are expected to help solidify the defense.

Up front, the Elba defensive line will be anchored by returning starters Kyle Smith (5-10,

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240) and Elijandro Gomez (5-8, 210), and the duo will join forces with Sauls and Whit Shehee (5-9, 190) to anchor an offensive line that returns four starters.

Elba seems to always be loaded with speedy backs, and that will be the case again this season as JT Coleman (5-11, 160) and Alvin Henderson (5-10, 165) will give the Tigers a big play threat every time one of the speedsters touches the ball.

"We are all excited to be playing football," said Sieving. "It has been a grilling summer for us all, but everyone has had a good attitude, attendance has been good at practice and the players are a little tired of bearing themselves up every day and want to hit someone else. As far as Friday night's game at Daleville, we are going over there to win the football game. We don't really that much about Daleville, but we do know they have a really good new head coach and a quality staff that is building the program the right way. As always, our primary concern is about us. We need to be able to execute what we do and be solid on offense and in the kicking game."

"We feel good about where we are on offense and should go into the game healthy," added Sieving. "We are not going into the game looking to save anything for future games or to hide anything from Opp. We will do what it takes to be successful and use every tool in the shed to put points on the scoreboard. Over on defense we have made a few adjustments both in personnel and in schemes, and feel good about where we are. We made some changes to make us better in all areas, and expect to have a good defensive team. The fact we really don't have any idea just what the

new staff at Daleville will do on offense will definitely challenge the defense, but we will do what we do best and make changes as needed."

"We are also excited about the kicking game," said Coach Sieving. "Our kicker has been a little under the weather for a couple of days, but we are confident he can handle extra-point duties and will also give us a chance to kick a few field goals. Our return game should be strength with JT Coleman and Alvin Henderson returning kickoffs and Byron Burks and Peyton McCarty working on punt returns. We are looking for consistency in our punting game, and with Chrystyle Caldwell handling the punting chores we feel good."

"We will be a little small in the offensive and defensive lines," added Sieving, "but we will be gritty and feel like we have a rotation that can get the players some rest. We have emphasized techniques in the line and are confident the guys up front are ready to get after it."

Daleville struggled to a 1-9 record last season, its first losing season after five straight winning campaigns, and while the Warhawks return just three starters from a year ago, all three are being billed as legitimate college prospects, led by Jeremiah Moore.

Elba High School Alumni Association's golf tourney fundraiser set for Sept. 18

The Elba High School Alumni Association's annual golf tournament fundraiser will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Elba Country Club. This is during Elba's "Homecoming" weekend. The tournament is a 4-person scramble (\$50 per player or \$200 per team). Tee time will be 8 a.m. The \$50 fee covers 18 holes of golf, a golf cart [if needed] and lunch for players.

Over the past six years, the Elba High School Alumni Association has been able to provide twelve scholarships totaling \$18,000 for Elba High School seniors – that's two scholarships per year at \$1,500 each! Furthermore, over the years, the association has assisted monetarily in projects for Elba City Schools such as the addition of a welcome sign at the

Funds from memberships fees and the golf tournament each year help the Alumni Association to be able to do all these things and more.

If interested in playing

During this year's Elba High School Alumni Association golf tourney, contact Neil Grantham [897-2981] or Linda Hodge [897-2823] for more information or to sign up today!

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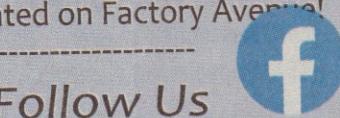


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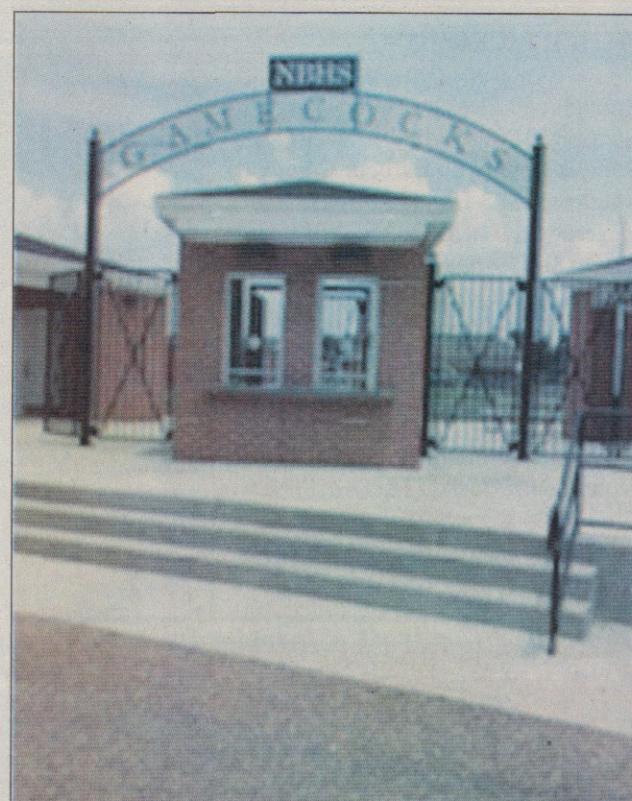
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SPORTS NEWS



New Brockton and Kinston to kick off season on Friday night with non-region home games

The 2021 high school football season will kick off this week for team across the area, with New Brockton and Kinston hosting season openers, while Zion Chapel and Brantley will hit the field for preseasoon jamborees.

Following is a preview of this week's action:

Cottonwood at New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be back at the friendly confines of Gamecock Stadium for the first time in over a year when they host the Cottonwood Bears.

The Gamecocks, which struggled to a 1-7 record a year ago, are looking for their first region title since 1999 and are looking to jump back into the elite teams in their classification after posting a combined record of 17-24 over the past four years.

New Brockton trails 10-14 in the series, but has won five straight games and in that span has scored an average of 34.4 points a game and allowed 14.4 points an outing.

Senior quarterback Kaden Capp is back to lead the Gamecocks offense and last season was a dual threat as he averaged almost 100 yards per game both rushing and passing. Joining Capp in the backfield will be Jamarcus Brown, while up front the Gamecocks are



looking for big Bradley Atkinson (6-4, 330) to lead the way. Over on defense, the duo of Drew Cashin and re Boland is expected to be dominant from their linebackers posts.

The Cottonwood Bears have suffered through six straight losing seasons and during the drought has posted a combined record of 18-41. The strength of the Bears this season will be along the line of scrimmage, where their center tips the scales at 265, the guards weigh in at 252 and 235, and the tackles come in at 298 and 235. Not to be outdone, Cottonwood has two backs that weigh in at 235 and 225.

Houston Academy at Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs (5-8, 205) are back to anchor the offensive line at guard, while massive tackles Connor Tew (6-4, 280) and Caden Carter (6-4, 305) are expected to help dominate the line of scrimmage.

The Bulldogs own a 6-13 series record against the Raiders, with the last Kinston win coming back in 1997.

The Bulldogs have a roster that includes 20 juniors and seniors and is filled with experience.

Cale Sumblin (6-4, 220) has made the switch from tight end to quarterback and is expected to pump life into the passing attack, while Jeb Crosby (5-10, 165) will be the 'go to' man in the backfield when the Bulldogs stay on the ground. Twins David Free (508, 205) and John Free

(508, 205) are back to line up at guard, while massive tackles Connor Tew (6-4, 280) and Caden Carter (6-4, 305) are expected to help dominate the line of scrimmage.

Kinston returns eight starters on defense, and is expected to be a stingy unit against any and all challengers.

Houston Academy struggled to post a 3-7 record a year ago, has a 4-16 record the past two years and has managed only 11 wins the last four seasons.

In jamboree action, Brantley will host G.W.

Long. Zion Chapel's jamboree game was

cancelled due to COVID safety concerns.

GAMECOCK GATE.... The New Brockton Gamecock fans will be able to go through the gates at the newly renovated Gamecock Stadium for Friday night's season opener after a year on the road last season.

Kinston High to host Amelia Rhoades volleyball tourney

Kinston High School will host the 37th annual Kinston Amelia Rhoades Set-Off Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 21, with eight teams competing for the coveted crown.

The tournament, which will consist of pool play and elimination action, will begin at 8:30 a.m., with games to be held on two courts at the Bulldog gym.

Pool 1 games, in order to be played, will consist of Opp vs. Geneva, Goshen vs. Straughn, Geneva vs. Goshen, Opp vs. Straughn, Opp vs. Goshen, and Geneva vs. Straughn.

Admission will be \$6 and fans will pay at the gate.

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